

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
CHESEAPEAKE BUILDING
Tuesday, October 27, 2009**

Present: Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell
Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
John Savich, County Administrator
Betty Jean Pasko (Recorder)

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Russell called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 AM.

DELETION TO AGENDA

It was announced that the Public Forum, originally scheduled for this evening at 6:30 PM, has been rescheduled to December 15, 2009, at 6:30 PM, and will be held in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room.

APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Check Register for checks dated October 20, 2009, as presented by staff. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to adopt the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, October 20, 2009, as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMENDATION: KATHERINE ROBESON, MARYLAND SCHOOL NURSE OF THE YEAR

Katherine Robeson, School Nurse, Dynard Elementary School, was recognized for being named Maryland's School of the Year by the Maryland Association of School Nurses.

PROCLAMATIONS:

- Retirement: *Mary T. Toney*, Department of Aging, October 1, 2009
- National Disability Employment Awareness Month, October 2009

COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ANNUAL AWARDS

Present: Susan Erichsen, Co-Chairperson, Commission for People with Disabilities

Ms. Erichsen announced and presented awards to this year's recipients:

Pam Veitch - Volunteer Award

Bert's - Notable Employer Award

Kitty Parlett - Facility Accessibility Award

Don and Cindy Geller - Innovative Program Award

Barry Burris & Angela Cummings - Outstanding Person with Disability

Cheryl Blazer - Outstanding Individual Achievements

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Draft Agenda for November 3 and 10, 2009
2. **St. Mary's County Circuit Court and Walden-Sierra, Inc.**
(*Dr. Kathleen O'Brien, Walden-Sierra, Inc.; Pete Cucinotta, Drug Court Coord.*)

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the two Sub-recipient Agreements between the County and Walden-Sierra, Inc. for the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services which are funded through the approved Adult Drug Court Grant, US1039. Motion carried 5-0.

3. **Dept. of Human Services** (*Bennett Connelly, Director*)

(*Anita Ray, Substance Abuse Coordinator*)

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the FY2010 Substance Abuse Treatment Services Grant, AS180SAS, from Maryland Alcohol and Drug Administration on behalf of the Department of Human Services for substance abuse treatment services program funding, in the amount of \$3,324,982 and the related Budget Amendment to decrease the budget by \$73,742 and realign to the actual grant award. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the eight Sub-recipient Agreements between St. Mary's County and Walden-Sierra, Inc. totaling \$2,982,782 as related to the revised FY2010 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Substance Abuse Treatment Services Grant Award, AS180SAS from the Maryland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration, which was decreased to \$3,324,982.

Motion carried 5-0.

(Cynthia Brown, Div. Manager)

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute The Emergency Food Assistance Program FFY2010 grant award, Project FNS-09-019-A1, from the Maryland Department of Human Resources on behalf of the Department of Human Services to cover associated costs to support an increase in USDA commodity foods distributed throughout St. Mary's County, in the total amount of \$19,060, and the related Budget Amendment and Sub-recipient Agreement Modification between the County and Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action, to increase the project budget by \$11,060. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Dept. of Aging *(Lori Jennings-Harris, Director)*

(Brandy Tulley, Sr. Program Specialist)

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the Notification of Grant Award for the FY2010 Senior Center Operating Grant, Project MD1018, from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging for programs on health, education and promotion, and exercise programs with the goal of strengthening these types of senior center based programs, in the amount of \$20,197 and to execute the related Budget Amendment to decrease the project budget by \$3,096. Motion carried 5-0.

(Alice Allen, Mgr., Senior Center Operations)

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the Memorandum of Agreement for FY2010 between the Tri-County AmeriCorps Service Project, Inc. and the St. Mary's County Department of Aging to continue as the host organization for one part-time member between the periods of October 1, 2009 and September 30, 2010. Motion carried 5-0.

(Peggy Maio, Fiscal Supervisor)

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the Notification of Grant Award for the FY2009 Revised Title III Federal Grants from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging to provide various programs and services to the seniors of St. Mary's County in the amount of \$244,030 and to execute the related Budget Amendment increasing Project US0904 by \$544, Project US0905 by \$176, and Project US0933 by \$122 in accordance with the revised Notification of Grant Award. Motion carried 5-0.

Projects: US0904 Congregate Meals, US0905 Home Delivered Meals, and US0933 Family Caregivers

DEPT. OF HUMAN RESOURCES: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF EIGHTH AMENDMENT TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE RETIREMENT PLAN

Present: Sue Sabo, HR Director and Plan Administrator

Ms. Sabo requested the Board's approval of an Ordinance to implement the Eighth (8th) Amendment to the Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan, with an Effective Date of November 10, 2009. She described the amendment as containing four specific changes, three of which bring the plan in compliance with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations. The fourth change adds a provision to stagger term limits for the Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve the Eighth Amendment to the Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan, and to sign the associated Ordinance, as presented today by staff, to be effective November 10, 2009. Motion carried 5-0.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION: HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

Presenter: Robert Gibbs, Chair, Historic Preservation Commission

Proclamations and Historic Preservation Commission awards were presented to Philip H. Dorsey, III for the preservation of St. Peter's Chapel in Leonardtown and to the J. Allan Cecil family for restoration of the waterwheel at Cecil's Mill, located in Great Mills.

DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES: PRESENTATION OF HOMELESS PREVENTION PLAN

Present: Bennett Connelly, Director, Dept. of Human Services
Cynthia Brown, Senior Manager, Dept. of Human Services

Mr. Connelly and Ms. Brown presented an overview of a draft three-year Homeless Prevention Plan for St. Mary's County. The plan is a collaborative effort that addresses homelessness prevention, emergency accommodations, and ultimately, moving citizens into more permanent housing.

The plan provides "point in time" (Census and survey) data, a current overview of relevant organizations and processes, FY2010 funding information, and outlines a strategy for addressing homelessness for the period FY2010 through 2013.

The strategic plan is comprised of four primary goals: Goal 1 – Establish prevention strategies to reduce and/or eliminate occurrences of homelessness; Goal 2 – Improve efficiency of emergency services; Goal 3 – Increase opportunities for transitional and permanent housing; and Goal 4 – Enhance System Coordination. Each goal has defined tasks that include the responsibility lead and target date for each task.

In preparation for returning to the BOCC on November 3rd for adoption, the Commissioners were asked to provide any specific questions or comments they may have on the draft plan to Mr. Connelly or Ms. Brown.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

The Commissioners highlighted upcoming events and those attended over the past week as well as personal interest items.

Commissioner Mattingly said that he had some discussion with Lee Starkloff, State Highway District Engineer, who indicated stimulus funding (1.6 million) is available and Rt. 236 is considered the number one priority. According to Mr. Starkloff, the state should be able to patch the road before the winter and begin resurfacing the road (from Rt. 5 to Rt. 234) the following spring. Commissioner Mattingly also mentioned other traffic and safety issues, specifically relative to Moakley Street (Rt. 245 corridor) and at the vicinity of the Leonardtown High School.

RECESS

The Board recessed at approximately 11:45 AM and reconvened at 1:30 PM.

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION: GROWTH RELATED WORK-SESSION -- DRAFT STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

The BOCC participated in a work session, lead by George Erichsen, Director, DPW&T, pertaining to the draft Stormwater Management Ordinance. Commissioners Raley and Jarboe were absent from the work session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for St. Mary's County for October 27, 2009 adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Betty Jean Pasko, Sr. Admin. Coord. (Recorder)